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To amend title 49, United States Code, to require background checks for individuals enrolled in flight schools, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CRENSHAW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Skies Act of
5 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FLIGHT STUDENTS.**

7 Section 44707 of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
10 “The Administrator”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FLIGHT STU-
3 DENTS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall
5 take such action as may be necessary to ensure that
6 each individual who is enrolled or to be enrolled in
7 a civilian school for instruction in flying a single-en-
8 gine or multi-engine aircraft or helicopter, or who
9 has commenced flight training (other than ground
10 training) from an authorized flight instructor of
11 such an aircraft or helicopter, is the subject of a
12 background review conducted by the Administrator
13 and paid for by such individual.

14 “(2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
15 Congress that the Administrator, the Director of the
16 Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of
17 the Central Intelligence Agency should ensure that
18 background reviews carried out under this section are
19 completed in not more than 28 days after—

20 “(A) the effective date of this subsection;

21 or

22 “(B) in the case of an individual to be en-
23 rolled for instruction described in paragraph (1)
24 after such effective date, the date of application
25 for such enrollment.

1 “(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Administrator of
2 the Federal Aviation Administration shall prepare
3 and transmit to the Committee on Transportation
4 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
5 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
6 Transportation of the Senate an annual report de-
7 tailing the number of background reviews performed
8 during the preceding year, number of individuals
9 failing such reviews, and an outline of the reasons
10 for such failures.

11 “(4) BACKGROUND REVIEW DEFINED.—In this
12 section, the term ‘background review’, commonly
13 known as an indices check, means a review of infor-
14 mation provided by the Director of Central Intel-
15 ligence and the Director of the Federal Bureau of
16 Investigation regarding personal background, includ-
17 ing information relating to any history of criminal
18 activity or to any evidence of espionage or ter-
19 rorism.”.

20 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendments made by section 2 shall take effect
22 on the 90th day following the date of enactment of this
23 Act.

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